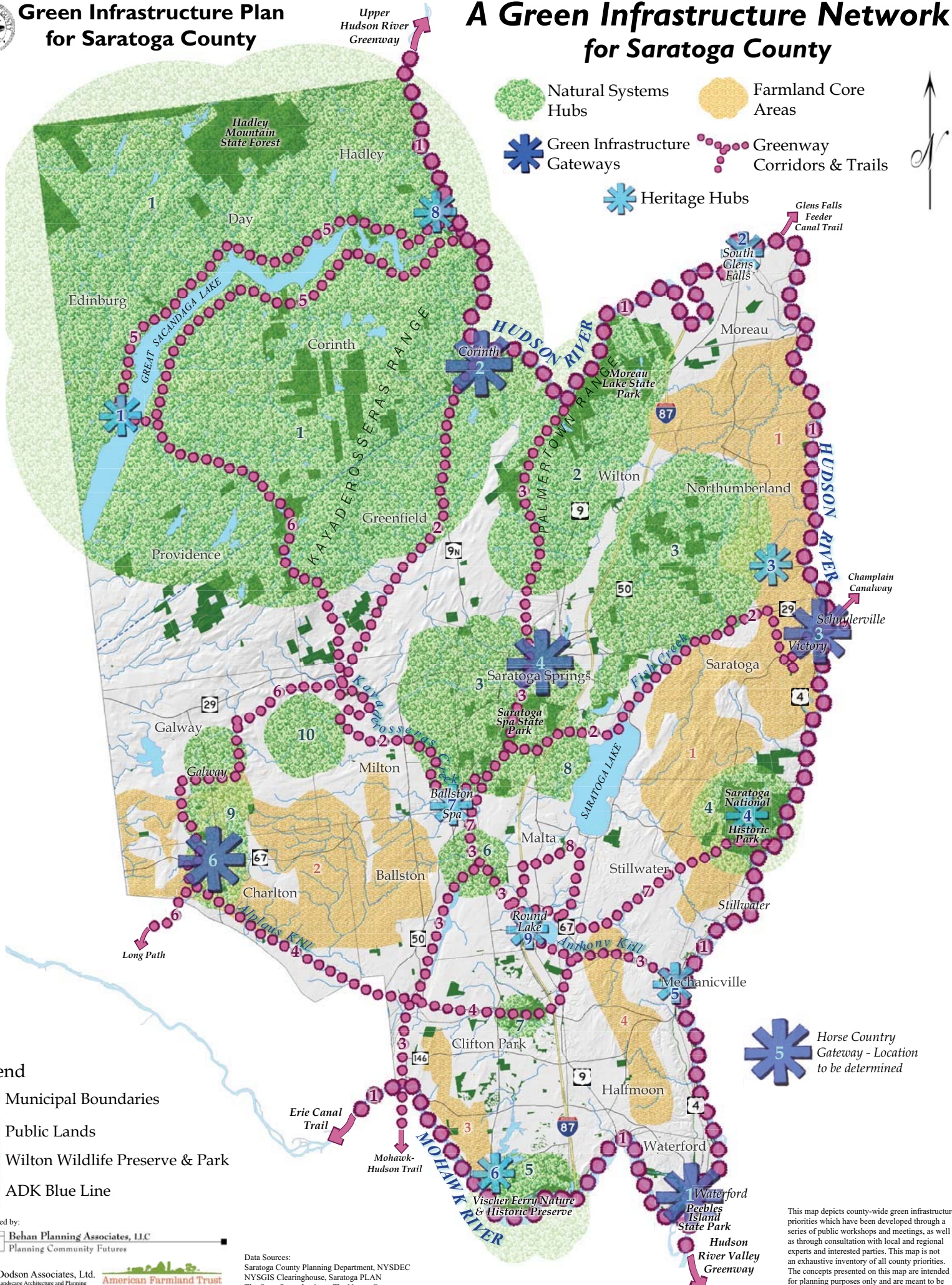




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- Legend**
- Municipal Boundaries
 - Public Lands
 - Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park
 - ADK Blue Line

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This map depicts county-wide green infrastructure priorities which have been developed through a series of public workshops and meetings, as well as through consultation with local and regional experts and interested parties. This map is not an exhaustive inventory of all county priorities. The concepts presented on this map are intended for planning purposes only and are meant to be interpreted at the scale of Saratoga County.



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The county's green infrastructure network includes a system of unfragmented wildlife "hubs," linked together by conservation greenways. It includes retention and conservation of core working landscapes of agriculture and forestry. It includes opportunities for people to connect to the land, through trails, parks and waterfront access. It includes celebration of the county's cultural heritage and the integration of green infrastructure with tourism and economic development initiatives. And, lastly, it includes the balancing of settlement and "gray infrastructure" to sustain resources.



Natural Systems Hubs

Large areas of unfragmented forest, interconnected wetlands, and other habitat should be conserved and balanced with sustainable uses that maintain the resource value.



1. Southern Adirondacks
2. Palmertown Range and Adirondack Foothills
 - Moreau Lake State Park
3. Karner Blue Butterfly Recovery Units
 - Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park
 - Saratoga Spa State Park • Malta Ecological Park
 - Petrified Sea Gardens & Lester Park • Bear Swamp
4. Saratoga National Historical Park
5. Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve
6. Greenway Convergence (*Ballston/Malta*)
 - Shenantaha Creek Park
7. Dwaaskill Natural Area
8. Saratoga Lake/Drummond Creek Wetlands
9. Galway/Charlton Wetlands
10. West Milton Forest Hub



Farmland Core Areas

Large, unfragmented blocks of working farms and farmlands should be retained and conserved.



1. Hudson River Valley
2. Western County
3. Clifton Park
4. Halfmoon

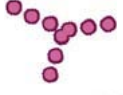


Heritage Hubs

Concentrated areas of significant historic resources should be preserved and integrated into heritage tourism network that celebrates the rich history of the county.



1. Adirondack Wilderness Hub (*Town of Edinburg*)
2. South Glens Falls Hub
3. Bacon Hill Hub (*Town of Northumberland*)
4. Saratoga National Historic Park Hub (*Town of Saratoga*)
5. Mechanicville Hub
6. Vischer Ferry Hub (*Town of Clifton Park*)
7. Ballston Spa Hub
8. Hadley Hamlet Hub
9. Round Lake Hub



Greenway Corridors and Trails

Connections between natural systems hubs for both wildlife and people should be created with sensitivity to the natural and cultural setting.



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1. Erie Canal and Upper Hudson River Greenway (*Mohawk River, Champlain Canal, Hudson River*)
2. Kayaderoseras Creek-Fish Creek Greenway
3. Mid-County Trail System (*Zim Smith Trail, Ballston Veterans Memorial Trail, Palmertown Range Trail*)
4. Alplaus Kill Greenway
5. "Loop The Lake:" Sacandaga Lake Trail
6. The Long Path
7. Mid-County Equestrian Trail
8. Luther Forest Loop Trail



Green Infrastructure Gateways

Major cultural and historical destinations and entrances to the county's green infrastructure should be celebrated and integrated with economic development and tourism efforts.



1. Hudson-Mohawk Gateway (*Village of Waterford*)
2. Adirondack Gateway (*Village of Corinth*)
3. "Old Saratoga" Gateway (*Villages of Schuylerville & Victory*)
4. Saratoga Springs Gateway (*City of Saratoga Springs*)
5. Horse Country Gateway (*location TBD*)
6. Western County Gateway (*Galway/Charlton*)